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Criminal Damage in Old Town

On 7/7/16 at about 0545 hours, Cottonwood officers responded to the 1100 Block N. Main St for a report of a subject breaking things at a shop in the area. The subject was described as being a white male, thin, with black pants and wearing a gunny sack. Cottonwood Officers located a subject, 31 year old Clakdale resident Giovanni Scorelle, in the parking lot of the Cottonwood Finance building.

Officers made contact with witnesses who stated they heard a lot of noise they thought was their kids getting up at first, but as it persisted they realized it was coming from next door. They watched a male subject breaking multiple items on the adjoining property, and one of them took the suspects picture with her phone. He noticed they were watching and he said "Don't shoot me, Jesus told me to."



Officers responded to the area of the damage where they discovered the gate on the chain link fence on the east side of the building was open, and there were multiple planters turned over and stone ornaments were broken. At this time the damage is estimated it to be between \$8000.00 and \$15000.00. Giovanni Scorelle was arrested on one charge of Felony Criminal Damage and booked into the YCSO Jail.